GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
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Electioneering Process
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any attempt to study and collaborate with other countries having similar but better electioneering systems than India;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the measures the Government proposes to adopt for improving our electioneering system;
(c) whether the Government considers bringing in experts from other countries having better systems, in order to improve our electioneering system; and
(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LAW AND JUSTICE AND ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI P.P.CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (d): The Election Commission has stated that no such formal attempt had been made to study electioneering systems of other countries, however, Election Commission of India (ECI) has Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) with 20 countries for exchange of better practice in electoral matters, sharing of expertise, capacity building etc. Further, ECI also has MoUs with Multilateral Organizations namely International Foundation for Election Systems (IFS) and United Nations. Also, ECI has bilateral cooperation with countries/Associations namely Association of Asian Electoral Authorities, Association of World Election Bodies, Advisory group to the Global Commission on Democracy, Bangaldesh, Commonwealth Electoral Network, Forums of Heads of Election Management Bodies of South Asian Countries, International Institute of Democracy & Electoral Assistance, Jorden, Kenya and United Nations Development Programme.

The Commission has further stated that no such assistance of experts from any other democratic countries has been sought by the Commission in order to improve electioneering system in India. The Indian election system is one of the best in the world.

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